Knot in the Marriage Tie

A BACHELOR GIRL CHAT.

BY HELEN ROWLAND.

to look serious, in spite of the rose in its own grandfather, and street cars go "It isn't any use, is it? We haven't found her hair and the smudge on her chin, at twice the speed-

The Mere Man glanced up sympatheti-

"You mean the 'shalt nots'?" he inquired, clinging shamelessly to the "studio spoon" and regarding the dimpled elbow above the paper cutter with artis-

tic admiration. "Yes, and the 'ought nots' and the loosen them when they bind, or-or-

"Rub?" suggested the Mere Man.

against the Rembrandt sofa pillow, "they brush deftly on the blue spot in her pal-get disgusted and go and have them ette. "You're putting on the wrong color" "There isn't any," protested the Bachcut-in the divorce court."

"Not at all," replied the Bachelor Girl, shaking her fluffy brown head, in consternation. "that is, not at all often. Just think how few divorced people you know, compared to the married ones, who are going through life fumbling hopelessly with the knots and getting snarled up tighter and tighter. There is a lot of talk about divorce; but it's a luxury of the upper classes. The ordinary man and woman never resort to it until there is nothing else left for them to do. And

the Mere Man quickly. "I told you that Ada Knowlton. you were cut out for cradles and crock-

ice, and the pudding she had made should hold his auditor so well. wherewith to celebrate his return to her So it happened that the Rev. Joslah set.

miringly, as he filled his pipe, "is an ideal join a church picnic the following week." ward of me."

son puts into the ceremony or that the people and get acquainted." Lord puts into matrimony that will make | Jimmy beamed upon the kindly old man rescued before.

aroused to interest. "That's what I cannot understand. It's easy enough to see the unsociability of the newcomer." "You should be entitled to the reward if "I beg your pardon, Mr. Porter."

"Will you have another cup of tea?" "Should-"

"One lump or two?"

flat and have nobody but a nice, comfort-ing valet to greet me at the door." came almost real to him. But at the last moment there came

"That's the conventional name, Mr. Porter, that a married woman has for one the merrymakers had scattered through who carries her own latch key and knows the woods. just what her income will be at the end of the week, and sleeps comfortably nights, without listening for the door knob. The most miserable married woman alive honestly and sincerely pities the luckiest and happiest single woman from the bottom of her heart." "By jove!" murmured the Mere Man,

musingly. "There must be something in Maybe," he added, regarding the bit of silver in his hand with sudden inspiration, "it's the love of the spoons." her paper cutter and held her cup of tea poised halfway to her lips.

poised halfway to her lips.

"The domestic ingredient, the homing instinct in us all," explained the Mere Man, with a sigh, "the tender feeling for darned socks and cups with handles and darned socks and cups with handles and alone! And she was paddling in to the landing." broiled steak and a street and number to call our very own. A dog will stay with the master who beats him daily in preference to roaming the streets. And a catwell, we all have a little of the cat in us, I think. We become attached to a place how to get a wife or husband in it con-walk, after all. fused with the place. If he or she is nice and congenial, we take him or her as a matter of course, and if not, we achearts. We all want to 'belong.' We hate being detached. A man without a wife is rudderless and a woman without a his boat and his low shoes and dived into the water. Water was a globe which appreciates the luxuries of his coat and his low shoes and dived into the water. He was a global dived into the water. He was a global dived into the water. He was a global dived into the water water. He was a global dived into the water water water was a global dived into the water. husband is like a sail without a ship, the water. He was a spiendid swiffined. They are the pack the water and his heart beat high as he thought of the American woman who stamps afford a Beston terrier with a pedigree and his heart beat high as he thought of the American woman who stamps the opportunity that had been offered with the seal of her approval. who clung to a three-legged dog with a bad temper just because he was there and belonged to them?"

"Yes." exclaimed the Bachelor Girl, setting down her tea cup with a thud, "and that's just why I shall never, never-" "'Don't say it!" eried the Mere Man, rising and waving his spoon with a shudder. You're not a bachelor girl really, you know. You don't smoke cigarettes and you do care how your front hair looks, and you're still young enough to-to-"
"Acquire a three-legged dog?" inquired

the Bachelor Girl, scornfully. "Or a human equivalent," agreed the Mere Man. "But," he protested bumbly,

steam, and a lot of up-to-date appliances Miss Knowlton had gone overboard, and wanted

"It isn't the marriage tie that I ob- suitable to modern life. Why not?" sh ject to," remarked the Bachelor Girl, added, petulantly. "Everything else has "Oh, please don't!" pleaded the Bach- I wish the owners of such rooms could thoughtfully, stirring her tea with the been improved and mitigated and mod-elor Girl, shaking herself determinedly see a few that have come to my notice handle of the paper cutter and trying ernized. The steam engine wouldn't know and beginning to mix colors for dear life. quite by accident,

"So do the divorce cases," interrupted the Mere Man, cynically.

arriages of convenience."
"And you only have to put up a finger

money and the lawyer-'dare nots' and the—the what nots!'
'Annsense!'' protested the Bachelor Girl, waving the paper cutter dramatically over the whole

Or leading over

"Must you really go?" exclaimed the covered with fine matting of the same general color as the paper.

Were Man his gloves and cane.

The pillows at the top. The floor was covered with fine matting of the same general color as the paper.

Were Man his gloves and cane. domestic situation. "They're all tied so tight and hard that most people get gated a bit. It runs right along in the shaking his shoulders, with a sigh of retight and hard that most people get same old tracks, with the same old slow, tangled up or raveled out trying to joggly, wabbly, uncomfortable bumps in "What!" "Or get twisted," added the Bachelor you are normal and conscientious you

and mixing things all up."
"Am I?" exclaimed the Bachelor Girl,

deep blue," explained the Mere Man, "and you haven't put any sun in the picture, nor any life, nor any sparkle. Wouldn't it"-he leaned over and swept the Bachelor Girl's hand deftly away from the palette-"wouldn't it seem jolly nice, now, the family-in the house, I mean?"

The Bachelor Girl sighed and studied "And-a cat?" she added, musingly.

on the nose of a painted kitten. 'Or leaning over-"Oh, yes," he acquiesced pleasantly,

"And don't even have to come back

Girl, with a nod of the rose.

"And then," sighed the Mere Man, leaning his shock of yellow hair back against the Rembrandt sofs nillow "they against the Rembrandt so

elor Girl, hastily. "In the tie of friendship," persisted the

Knowing Miss Knowlton.

By MARSHALL LEONARD.

yet," she finished with a glance of re- began for him when he came to Lester in trouble. She seemed to be strugproach across her tea cup, "you ask to superintend the building of the elec- gling." tric works, for until then life had been "That was my skirt," explained the Even now he merely knew of her, for footing."

Girl, apprehensively. "Look at Bridget!" ter for nearly two months he seemed cold on top of a cut scalp. I guess you'd "But Bridget won't do," protested the as far from his goal as ever. Every better drive in to town, Miss Knowlton Mere Man. "In the first place, she's Sunday he went to church and sat where needs to go, too. She is soaked. Do you gree, despite expensive attire and some he could watch the choir where Ada think you can handle your horse?" "Every Saturday night," continued the sang, the stated glass forming a back- "I'm all right now," declared Travers, in the world cannot send an air of dis-Bachelor Girl, scornfully ignoring the in- ground for the shapely golden head. The rising to his feet with the doctor's aid. tinction home with the frock over which terruption, "she will appear regularly against Mike in the police court to keep ingly the expression of rapt interest that from and the minister led him to his It can be attained by determined effort, him from beating her; yet every Mon- was upon Travers' face all through the buggy. Miss Knowlton climbed in after downward and that is enough for some day morning she will cart home my sermon. He could not notice that the big and they started off women. day morning she will cart home my sermon. He could not notice that the him and they started off. washing and a load of other washings keen blue eyes of the young contractor "I suppose," said Travers, as they The woman who can occupy a house and cheerfully break her back over the were upon the choir rather than upon the cleared the grove, 'you must think that for months and not affect its character tub to pay for the beer she has put on pulpit, and he felt gratified that he I am lacking in courtesy in not thanking in the smallest degree is devoid of per-

the Eachelor Girl. "Mrs. Middle Class will do the same thing in a different way. She will cry herself to sleep night after should apply by invitation, and only for the members of the Sunday. The girl's layer round out to you, he reminded. I formed in twenty-four hours with no expended into the same thing in a different way. She will cry herself to sleep night after and only for the members of the Sunday. The girl's layer round out to you, he reminded. I formed in twenty-four hours with no expended in the penditure of money. A few little things in the character of the few night, and wake up in the morning only to the memoris of the best of the memoris of the best of the be home at all. There is something the parmight like to meet some of the young there," she said, "though I am sorry an Indian chair, and one or two little

a woman endure anything rather than as he thought of Ada Knowiton, and accried the Mere Man, suddenly that caused the minister to wonder at a gold medal for life saving."

"I am sure that he needs only to get acquainted to be a decided addition to our that a rescue was not dangerous."

I' am sufficiently rewarded, in that I know you," he deciared. "I have been the traits of his genius, his like decision to our know you," he deciared. "I have been the traits of his genius, his like decision to our know you," he deciared. "I have been the traits of his genius, his like decision to our know you," he deciared. "I have been the traits of his genius, his like decision to our know you," he deciared. "I have been the traits of his genius, his like decision to our know you," he deciared the traits of his genius, his like decision to our know you."

"And her home and her children," in- meeting Miss Knowlton had almost beparlor furniture, who were hanging onto matrimony by a mere thread and in dire low over her hand. Then she would give years. terror for fear the thread would break. him one of these sunny smiles that all most seemed to be her habitual expressional. bracer every night before he can go sion, and they would go walking together home to face the battle. He actually in the leafy shade. Over and over he pities me, because I live in a bachelor mentally rehearsed this scene until it be-

"That's nothing!" declared the Bachelor Girl, sympathetically. "Suppose they called you 'poor thing.' "
"What?" a complication at the factory, and it was after 11 o'clock when Travers finally got away. He lost his way trying to drive out in a livery buggy, and when at last he came to the lake lunch was over and

The minister and his wife insisted that e have something to eat, and then motherly Mrs. Rumford took him in charge and introduced him to every one in sightbut Ada Knowlton was nowhere to be He made himself agreeable to the

others, but his eyes continually sought a sight of the pink dress and golden head that had been the attraction. He had seen them drive past on their way to the lake, and he had carefully noted "The-what?" The Bachelor Girl dropped he get until well along in the afternoon the dress, but not a glimpse of it did Here and there the surface of the lake

With assumed carelessness, he directed his steps toward the tiny wharf to which the boats were tied. He would be on hand to assist her from the canoe and, perhaps, after he had introduced him-self, there might be a chance for the

He had just reached the dock and the frail craft was but twenty yards away as a matter of course, and if not, we accept him or her as a matter of habit.

It's the feeling of 'belonging' that gets of her paddle. As she did so the canoe of her paddle. As she did so the canoe tipped over, and she was spilled into the

that Travers opened his eyes again and least expensive. The pretty gathered ooked up into Ada Knowlton's face front and back give just the long, flow-bending anxiously over him. His head ing lines that are so becoming to wom-throbbed with pain and he was conen, while the circular yoke and pretty

and the conductor rings twice to let you stead of before an easel?"

"And you only have to put up the the same old dust and squalls along the

"You're painting it all dark brown and "there isn't any knot."

It seemed to Travers that life really | I did not know but what she might be

ery, instead of for low art and loneli- Travers was not a ladies' man. He "I guess that's about explanation was too terribly in earn to shine in enough," put in the physician. "I don't plained. A slender young hairdresser in society, and, though he had been in Les- want to have you come down with a

"It is almost a family affair," he ex- "You couldn't know that I was going while its nearest neighbor was trans "She's just like all the rest," retorted plained, as Jimmle's hand went down to swim out to you," he reminded. "I formed in twenty-four hours with no ex-

she will cry herself to sleep night after night, and wake up in the morning only too thankful if her husband has come school, but I thought that perhaps you goestor. The girl's laugh rang out at the sug-

"Nor performed a rescue," he remind- results. untie the knot. And it's the same way cepted the invitation with an effusiveness ed. "I don't suppose that you can claim

"He is most cordial," he told his wife. any one was because you did not realize

each other, and when Travers took advantage of his unconventional introduc-

decreed by custom.

"It's such a short courtship," she said, him, but help to illumine a masterpiece of his which has perplexed some minds of his which has perplexed some minds

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A Tea-Gown of Quiet Elegance.



the water. He was a splendid swimmer, and his heart beat high as he thought of the American woman who stamps them gown here portrayed is one of unusual Then something loomed dark above his head; there was a shock and all became black. It was half an hour later scious that it was done up in bandages.
"Don't move," said a gentle voice.
"You will be all right in a few moments.
You were struck on the head by the "Or a human equivalent," agreed the Mere Man. "But," he protested humbly, "some of us are still rather decent looking."

"You were the rescued instead of the rescuer," laughed Dr. Pyfrom. "Miss Knowlton brought you to shore."

"I am so sorry" she will be suggested for its daintiness and general becomingness. French challis was used for making the tea gown, with all-over lace for the collar and yoke, but China silk cashmera all over lace for the collar and yoke, but the collar and yoke and the rescued instead of the rescuer." "some of us are still rather decent looking."

"And that's why I want to stand off and look at you," replied the Bachelor Girl, sweetly. "I don't want to get knotted up to anybody until they put some modern in the collar and yoke, but China silk, cashmere, albatross, or any soft-draping fabric would be appropriate. "I was pushing the boat in front of me, and did not notice that any one had dived after me. I should have been more careful, but I never suppose that the collar and yoke."

Knowlton brought you to shore."

"I am so sorry," she said, bending over. "I was pushing the boat in front of me, and did not notice that any one had lived after so any soft-draping fabric would be appropriate. In size 38 the pattern calls for nine and three-quarters yards of 32-inch material, with one-half yard of all-over lace for the collar and yoke.

improvements on matrimony." any one would imagine that I was in Eight sizes, from 32 to 46 inches bust "What!" The Mere Man started up danger." "What!" The Mere Man started up from the pillow and nearly dropped his spoon.
"Some new wheels to make it run smoothly," explained the Bachelor Girl, "and some safety valves for letting off murmured Travers. "I only saw that west, giving number (2682) and size

A dainty bedroom has a wonderful for instance, to-to have two spoons in none too many where the possibilities charm to the average woman, yet we see have been realized. There is a sameness her apron, as a soft light broke over her about such rooms that does not speak ed bed covering is a flounced affair with a "Yes-and a three-legged dog and a bird round bolster covered to match, and the

any way of slipping the knot."

One room I remember well had a quaint "I wonder," remarked the Mere Man. wall paper in the dull pink tones, constanding up and squinting at the Bachelor ventionalized poppies on a cream white "And instead of gongs we have electric Girl reflectively, "how you would look in a cooking aprop, instead of that thing?"
"And instead of love matches we have marriages of convenience."

"And instead of gongs we have electric Girl reflectively, "how you would look in a cooking aprop, instead of that thing?"
"Perfectly insipid!" declared the Bachelor Girl. "It wouldn't fit." "Or sitting before a sewing machine, in- the narrow casing about them was cream white. Cream madras window draperies The Bachelor Girl made a tiny stroke trimmed with ball fringe matched the bed cover and sham, which tucked over the pillows at the top. The floor was

The toilet covers were white and green, the dull shades sparingly used in the wall paper, and the toilet articles were whitelvory, perhaps, though celluloid would be quite as effective. The room was lovely road, to the same old destination; and if again."

you are normal and conscientious you "Of-of course not," agreed the Bach- and distinctive, which is better. In the same house was a bed with a valance of muslin in pinhead dots and a dream of a coverlet knitted by hand and finished with knotted fringe. It was an heirloom, as were the hemstitched sheets and pillow cases that went with it. There were draperies of bright chintz hanging in straight folds each side of the muslindraped windows and chintz-covered boxes beneath the windows with frilled mus lin covered pillows.

The rugs were green and white cot ton and the dressing table was fitted out with Dresden china. The covers for bureau and pincushion were of frilled muslin, and the pink and red of the Dresden were repeated in the shades of the candles in old-fashioned holders or each side of the dressing table. I have seen many expensively furnished rooms "I didn't ask you anything," protested uneventful and he had not known of girl. "It caught in the gunwale, and I money need not be urged as an excuse had to detach it before I could find my for ugliness.

Distinction is something not easily explained. A slender young hairdresser in a white waist and a circular pink skirt in its third season had it to a marked degree, while the woman over whom she worked was commonplace to a de-

you for saving my life, but I am so up- sonality. I know one, rather pretty and stopped at the new factory one morning "You ought to scold me for injuring tage and made not the smallest effort to "Bridget," murmured the Mere Man ad- and extended an invitation to Travers to you," she declared. "It was very awk- remedy its glaring defects. It leaves no that you were injured. I never was pictures artfully disposed worked Instinct guides such

IS AN ENIGMA IN STONE.

"You should be entitled to the reward if St, Gaudens "Nirvana" in the Rock Creek Cemetery at Washington,

little society. I am sorry that I did not look him up earlier."

New you, he declared. "I have been wanting to meet you for some time."

Miss Knowlton blushed and changed possessed high ideals or who had noble the same centiment on the same centiment of the same c "Should cling to her duty and her ideals," finished the Mere Man deter.

Travers echoed the same sentiment as the subject. She could not admit that she, too, had felt an interest, but in his willingness to sacrifice himself for picnic he would meet Miss Knowlton, and her heart she was glad that they knew the advancement of art, his keen percepand her nome and her children, interpolated the Bachelor Girl, virtuously.

"And her respectability and her income," finished the Mere Man. "Women are built that way; but men! Why, I've seen chaps who had nothing in common with their wives but the dishes and the north of the most common with their wives but the dishes and the north of the most common to the conventional fashion decreed by custom.

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"It's such a short courtship," she said, "but I feel that I have known you for only illustrate him, but help to illumine a masterpiece tion to call frequently it was not long before she consented to reward him with her hand in the conventional fashion decreed by custom.

"It's such a short courtship," she said, "but I feel that I have known you for of his which has perplayed some middle." 'It all depends upon the introduction," that may be worth the enlightening. Travers, smilingly; "bless that "The work is the figure of 'Nirvana,' in the Rock Creek Cemetery at Washington St. Gaudens was in Washington in the winter of 1902, making his beautiful re-lief of Wayne MacVeagh and Mrs. Mac-Veagh, and Hildegarde Hawthorne was there, too, and visited more than one that dreaming figure in the cemetery, At last she was moved to write some verses, which she sent to a magazine; but the editor thought that he had seen verses on the sculptor's work that better expressed its sentiments, and returned the verses with the stimulating suggestion that some day he would show the young woman some real poetry about the figure. St. Gaudens, too, had seen both poems, and when he heard of this expression of the editor's, he wrote to him and said that Hildegarde Hawthorne had divined his intention as no writer had done, and therefore the verses are in print. So, if you like, you may solve the

one, and therefore the verses are in print. So, if you like, you may solve the riddle by reading them."

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